

Nuisance Code FAQ

- Question: I came home and found a green door hangar or WARNING notice on my door. Does this mean I have been or will be ticketed?
- Answer: A green notice left by Code Enforcement officials means that a nuisance complaint has been discovered. Read the notice as to what was checked and what is in violation. Correct the violation in the time given and no further action will be taken. Questions about the notice can be answered by calling the issuing officer and asking for details. The issuing officer's name and or ID number are written at the bottom of the notice. Code Enforcement Officers can be reached at 765-775-5200.
- Question: I have rental property and have an agreement with my tenants to take care of exterior maintenance issues. Am I still responsible for upkeep on the property?
- Answer: The short answer is ultimately yes. As the property owner of record, you assume responsibility for all things related to your property. However, from an enforcement standpoint officials will address nuisance issues directly with the tenants in most cases. Often times it is difficult if not impossible to locate tenants because they have moved and left no contact information. City code requires the owner/agent to notify the city of changes in occupancy status. If an owner or agent has failed to fulfill this obligation the city has no choice other than to redirect enforcement efforts to the property owners and their agents. It is a separate violation of City code for an owner/agent to fail to provide a current occupancy affidavit to the Rental Housing Coordinator's office.
- Question: My next door neighbors seldom mow their lawn or take care of the weeds in their yard. Can the city do something about this?
- Answer: Yes. City code requires that grass not exceed 10 inches in height. Large weeds that can germinate or contaminate a neighboring yard are considered a noxious weed. Call code enforcement at 765-775-5200 to register a complaint and a Code Enforcement Officer will address the complaint.
- Question: I noticed an old "junk" car sitting in a driveway in my neighborhood. It's been there for several months. Can anything be done about it?
- Answer: A vehicle must appear to operable and have valid license plates. It may not be disassembled or appear as such. Call code enforcement at 765-775-5200 to register a complaint.
- Question: There's a house in my neighborhood that is missing some siding. It's really ugly and looks bad. Is this a violation?
- Answer: Generally, if a house is functional and safe, aesthetics are not enforceable. Contact the Office of the City Engineer at 765-775-5130 to report structural issues.
- Question: My neighbors frequently play their music very loud. It's an ongoing issue. What can I do?
- Answer: City code does prohibit this type of activity. Contact police dispatch at 765-775-5200 to report violations.